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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
78 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
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No. CR 08-0730 WHA

10 Plaintiff,
11**ORDER RE FORM OF
ELECTRONIC FILING**12 v.
13IVAN CERNA, *et al.*
14Defendants.
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When e-filing documents, the parties are directed to electronically link to prior e-filed documents that are relevant to the current pleading. For example, an opposition to a motion to suppress should link to the motion to suppress. As another example, if your document refers to an existing document in the case, specify the specific existing e-filed documents that the current filing references. See Electronic Case Filing Users Manual at 23, *et seq.* (located on the court's website at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov/cand/index.html> and describing this process).

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1 The Court observes that while some parties are linking appropriately, others are not, and
2 the situation is aggravated by ECF headings that do not always reflect the content of the filed
3 document. This inconveniences all parties in a case where the filings are voluminous.
4 Accordingly, for all future filings, the parties must comply with this order.

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6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 Dated: March 19, 2010.



WILLIAM ALSUP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE